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LAYERS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining		Highest Number						
	After		Previously		Present				Additional
	Amendment		Paid For		Extra		Rate		Fee
Total Claims	21	-	23	=	0	X	18	=	0
Independent Claims	2	-	5	=	0	X	84	=	0
	TOTAL								\$0

B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

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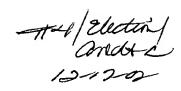
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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-16, amend Claim 17, and add new Claims 24-37 as shown below:

(Amended) A method of treating an occluded vessel with a stent, comprising the acts of:

routing a delivery catheter having the stent mounted or restrained thereon to a position proximal to the diseased section of the vessel wherein the stent is of the type that includes: a core having an outer surface, means for increasing the visibility of the core to in-vivo viewing methods, and means for establishing a barrier on the outer surface of the device so that the visibility increasing means is isolated from a patient's blood;

deploying the stent from the delivery catheter;

expanding the stent into abutment against the interior lining of the diseased vessel so as to provide a support mechanism to prevent closure of the vessel.

(New) The device of Claim 18, wherein the means for establishing a barrier on the outer surface of the device comprises an outer layer surrounding at least a portion of the core to form a barrier layer between the core and the patient's blood.

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